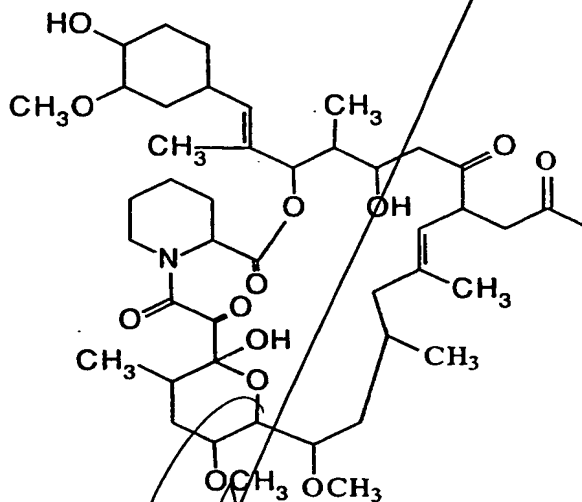


CLAIMS

1.

A use of a compound of the following formula:



(I)

*a tacrolimus*

for manufacturing a neuroprotective agent.

2. A method for preventing or treating acute or chronic cerebral neurodegenerative diseases, which comprises administering the compound (I) identified in Claim 1 to mammals.

3. A pharmaceutical composition for preventing or treating acute or chronic cerebral neurodegenerative diseases, which comprises compound (I) in admixture with a carrier or excipient.

4. The composition in Claim 3, in which the cerebral neurodegenerative diseases is brain damage caused by ischemia or hemorrhage.

5. The composition in Claim 4, in which the cerebral neurodegenerative diseases is cerebral infarction.

6. A use of the compound (I) for preventing or treating acute or chronic cerebral neurodegenerative diseases.